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A.—(*a*) The survey numbers were classed as "Government, dry" at the settlement of 1878 and as "Tank-bed poramboke" at the resettlement of 1911. The Government are not aware whether the survey numbers continue to be classed as poramboke.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government are not aware whether the facts are as stated in clause (*b*).

(*d*) No such notice has been received by the Government.

(*e*) The Government are not aware of any reasons for making such an order. The question is one for the decision of the Collector in the first instance.

Loans

Reduction of the rate of interest on agricultural loans.

* 355 *Q.*—Mr. R. Nagan Gowda: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what action has been taken on the resolution passed by this House on 24th January 1928 to reduce the interest on Government loans to ryots from 7½ per cent to 5 per cent?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to item 7 of the statement showing the action taken on resolutions passed by the Legislative Council during the second session 1927–28 laid on the table on 3rd September 1928.

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda:—"If I remember aright, the Government on the last occasion said that the matter was being considered. The resolution was passed about ten months ago. May I know, Sir, what stage of consideration has been reached now?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"I am glad to be able to tell the hon. Member that the report of the Board of Revenue on the subject was received on Saturday and that we hope to be able to deal with it shortly."

Minor Irrigation

Relief in respect of the Tamarai-madugu.

*356 *Q.*—Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to question No. 889 answered on the 22nd October 1927 regarding relief in respect of Tamarai-madugu tank in the Chingleput district—

(*a*) whether the Government have received the report they have called for;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the Government will place the report on the Council table; and

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to direct the local officers to attend immediately to the silt-clearance work in the tank?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Copies[a] of the Board's Proceedings and the Supervisor's note are placed on the table of the House.

(*c*) The Government understand that the work has been completed.

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a Printed as Appendix II on page 111 infra.